GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:191
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2014
ALLOCATION OF MWA MWB
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in respect of allotment of Microwave Access (MWA)/Microwave Backbone (MWB) carriers and fixed any criteria to determine excess usage by the telecom service providers as an interim arrangement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought the views from the stakeholders over MWA/MWB allocation and pricing and if so, the details thereof and the comments/suggestions received by the Government thereon; and

(d) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT PARTS

(a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 191 FOR 21ST JULY, 2014 REGARDING `ALLOCATION OF MWA/MWB`

(a) & (b) Guidelines dated 16th March, 2012 (copy enclosed at Annexure-I) have been issued for allocation of Microwave Access (MWA) carriers for Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) services and so far no interim criteria have been prescribed to determine the excess usage, as an interim arrangement.

(c) The Government has not sought the views from the stakeholders over MWA/MWB allocation and pricing. However, Government has sought recommendations from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for Allocation and Pricing of Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) RF carriers. TRAI has issued a Consultation Paper on `Allocation and Pricing of Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) RF carriers` dated 28th March 2014 seeking comments and counter comments of all the stakeholders. Comments from twenty stakeholders and counter comments from two stakeholders were received by TRAI. Thereafter, Open House Discussions was held by TRAI on 19th June 2014 to obtain the views of the stakeholders. The views obtained from stakeholders in their written submissions and during the Open House Discussions are being analysed by TRAI.

(d) Does not arise as recommendations of the TRAI have not been received.